

### **AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**At page 1 of the specification, please replace the first paragraph with the following amended first paragraph.**

This application is a continuation application under 35 U.S.C. §120 of prior Application No. 09/555,199 filed June 27, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,783,825) which is a 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT/JP98/05331 filed November 26, 1998, wherein PCT/JP98/05331 was filed and published in the Japanese language. The entire disclosure of prior Application No. 09/555,199 which is a 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT/JP98/05331 is considered part of this continuation application and is hereby incorporated by reference.